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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in  
 accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is  
 directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the  
 listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,878,198
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,381,418
- (3) U.S. Application Publication No. 2001/0008002
- (4) U.S. Application Publication No. 2002/0186390
- (5) U.S. Application Publication No. 2003/0164971
- (6) U.S. Application Publication No. 2004/0070790
- (7) JP 2001-143026
- (8) JP 2001-088911
- (9) JP 2002-056421
- (10) JP 2002-337426
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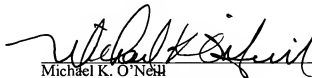
Documents (8) to (11) were cited during prosecution of PCT application PCT/JP03/13533, which corresponds to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the International Search Report for PCT/JP03/13533 is enclosed.

In addition, English-language abstracts for cited Japanese documents (7) to (9) are enclosed. Also, document (2) is believed to be a U.S. counterpart patent for Japanese document (7). The English-language abstracts and U.S. counterpart patent are believed to provide an explanation of relevance of Japanese documents (7) to (11) to the subject application.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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